

News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth

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TRANSPORTATION-TREASURY-HUD BILL INCLUDES SOUTH DAKOTA PROJECTS

Conference Report Passes House

November 18, 2005, Washington, D.C. – The 2006 Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development (TTHUD) Appropriations Bill conference report passed the House today, including several important South Dakota projects.

U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth worked to include South Dakota priorities in the bill, and said, “I am pleased to have helped secure needed resources for children’s programs, community and cultural centers, and transportation infrastructure across South Dakota. These projects will enhance South Dakotans’ quality of life, improve the safety of South Dakota’s roads, and promote economic development across the state.”

Rep. Herseth worked with House and Senate Appropriators to secure funding for the following projects, totaling \$3.95 million:

HUD

\$550,000 for the Children’s Home Society of South Dakota to be applied toward construction and renovation of facilities that will allow for: expansion of foster care and adoption screening, training, and licensing services; specialized adoption recruitment and matching; relative-placement home studies; therapy for children living at CHS; and professional development and training for care givers serving youth currently living at CHS.

\$350,000 for Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place, Ft. Pierre, for construction of the multi-faceted cultural and legal center serving the entire Sioux Nation.

\$250,000 for Aberdeen for the development of the old high school as a recreation and cultural center.

\$200,000 for North Sioux City for the construction or purchase of a new library building.

Transportation

\$500,000 for the City of Huron for improvements to the access road from U.S. Highway 14 to the Dakota Turkey Growers plant in Huron.

\$600,000 for an Oglala Sioux Tribe bus transit system on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

\$1,000,000 to resurface and reconstruct BIA Route 27 on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

\$500,000 to pave and reconstruct BIA Route 15 south of Dupree on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives
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fiscal discipline and strong national security, and is co-chair of the Rural Working Group, which is dedicated to raising the profile of issues important to rural America. She also serves on three committees vital to South Dakota's interests: Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Resources.